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PEOPLE VS. William Balfour
CASE #: 09CR-762
CHARGE: First Degree Murder
JUDGE: The Honorable Charles Burns
SENTENCING DATE: July 23, 2012
NAME OF VICTIM: Julian King
STATEMENT OF: Gregory King
RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM: Father

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

I certify that the information contained in this statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE:

Gregory King

Dear Honorable Judge Burns:

I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Gregory King, father of the late Julian King. I am grateful for the opportunity to put in writing some of the ways that the horrible murder of my son Julian has affected me and my family.

When this tragic situation was brought to my attention, it was completely unbelievable. As soon as I received the call from my son's mother with the disturbing news about her mother's death and the disappearance of our son, my heart dropped. I started praying every minute that my son would be returned to us alive. Later in the day, the date of the murders, when I met my son's mother at the police station, is when reality slapped me in the face.

I couldn't sleep the whole weekend after the murders. I kept looking at the news waiting to see if anyone had claimed the reward that had been offered and to hear that my son had been found alive. Instead, I learned that my son was found dead. Instantly it was like a chunk of my heart was ripped out. I felt hopeless. I was filled with rage for William Balfour, the man who murdered my son.

With God's help I had to learn how to cope despite my pain and rage as I have other kids to look after: little Greg and Tamia King, Julian's brother and sister. Little Greg and Tamia used to play with Julian all the time before his murder.

I miss picking Julian up from the school bus. I miss going on field trips with him. I miss him spending the night with me and my other children. I even miss his bugging me about Sponge Bob Square Pants, a cartoon character he was kind of afraid of. I just miss spending time with my son Julian. William Balfour forever took my chance to make new memories with my son. William Balfour forever took my son from me. He took Julian from Little Greg and Tamia. My son can't come back. But thank God that justice was served by the jury's guilty verdict.

While I am touched by the jury's verdict and all the hard work that the prosecutors put into this case, a part of me will always remain dissatisfied because I will never understand William Balfour's senseless, horrific, acts. How could William Balfour be so insecure as to sit and plot the murder of his wife's family? How could a man who himself was having numerous affairs take the lives of his wife's family because he thought she was unfaithful to him? I will never understand this. No innocent child, no loving grandma or mother, brother, or uncle, no innocent person deserves to be slaughtered like William Balfour slaughtered Julian, Ms. Donnerson, and Jason.

William Balfour, I have many ill wishes for you. I will leave these in the hands of God.

I would again like to thank Judge Burns for giving me the opportunity to express my emotions and to give some insight on how I'm feeling on the inside. I have had this bottled up inside of me for a long time. In closing, I would like to thank God for the guilty verdict, the Hudson family for still showing love to me, and a special thanks to my family and friends who have supported me through these hard times and for coming to court.

Sincerely,

Greg King